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Brother wouldn't even let me in... he must be furious.....
But how did he find out?
HE CAN'T STAY IN THERE FOREVER CAN HE?
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT.
SQUEEZE SQUEEZE
WHAT SHOULD I DO, TOMO.....

GAME10
Brother

WELL... LET'S GO
WE'LL ONLY GET HUNGRY SITTING HERE

BROTHER...

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BEEZE

GOOD MORNING!

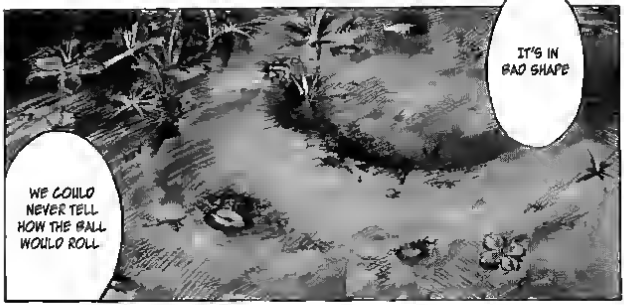
WE'LL BE DOING MATH TODAY.

MORNING, EVERYONE

BUT WHAT'S WITH HIS ATTITUDE?!
HE PRETENDED NOT TO SEE US!

HE WAS TAUGHT NOT TO DO ANYTHING THAT'D SHAME THE FAMILY.
I GUESS THAT'S WHY.
MY FATHER WAS A TEACHER, AND MY BROTHER FOLLOWED IN HIS FOOTSTEPS
SO HE FOUND OUT YOU WERE WAITRESSING TOO.
PROBABLY.
LOOK, TOME.

THAT'S THE FIELD WHERE WE USED TO PLAY.


IT'S IN BAD SHAPE
WE COULD NEVER TELL HOW THE BALL WOULD ROLL

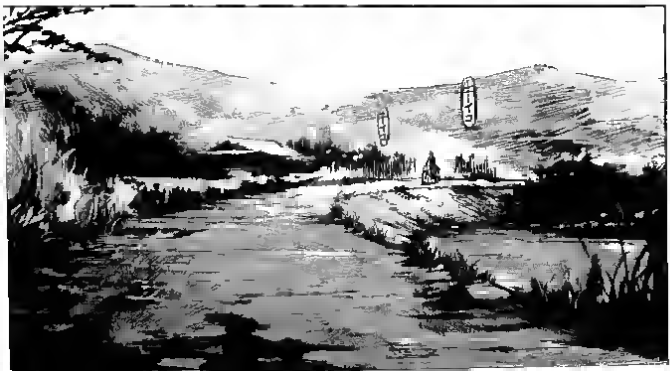
THOSE WERE GOOD TIMES

AND IT REALLY HURT WHEN THE BALL HIT US IN THE FACE.
YEAH

BROTHER WAS THE BEST BASEBALL PLAYER AROUND HERE.

BUT HE NEVER BECAME A PRO?
HE TOOK THE TEST AGAIN AND AGAIN,
BUT HE ALWAYS FAILED.
HE WANTED TO WORK AS A WATER BOY, BUT THEN FATHER PASSED AWAY

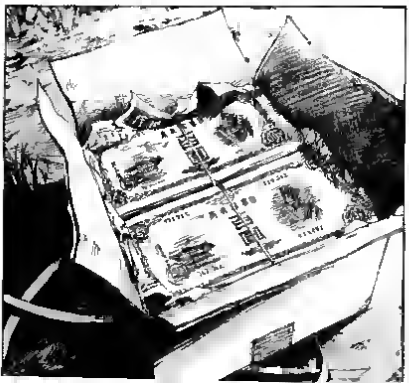
SO HE GAVE UP ON HIS DREAM.



THIS CAME BEFORE YOU GOT HERE.
TAKE IT AND GO.

HEY.
BROTHER.

WHAT IS IT——?



FROM HIBIYA COSMETICS
A CONTRACT AND—— 100,000 YEN!
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?!
ALL THE BEST.
WAIT!
SO THIS IS HOW YOU FOUND OUT I'M PLAYING BASEBALL?

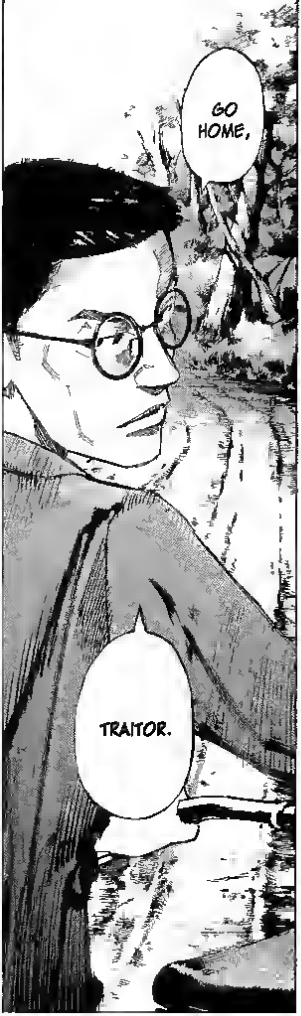
A CERTAIN MS RANZAKI SOUGHT MY PERMISSION FOR YOU TO WORK IN A BASEBALL TEAM INSTEAD OF A CABARET BAR.
I.....
I'M SORRY..... I LIED TO YOU ABOUT WAITRESSING.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE.
BUT I'D RATHER DIE THAN USE THAT MONEY.

LISTEN.

OUR PARENTS DIDN'T BRING YOU UP TO DO THAT KIND OF WORK.
WE'RE POOR, BUT THEY TAUGHT US TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES.

THE TSUCHIYA FAMILY HASN'T FALLEN SO FAR THAT WE NEED DIRTY MONEY TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE
OUR PARENTS WOULD TURN IN THEIR GRAVES IF THEY KNEW

Traitor


GO HOME,
TRAITOR.

TOME!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING !?

TAMAKO WORKED HERSELF TO THE BONE TO SEND MONEY BACK TO YOU!
AND YOU DARE TO CALL HER A TRAITOR?!
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
YOU'RE JUST ASHAMED THAT YOU CAN'T FEED YOUR OWN FAMILY!
YOU STUPID MAN!

YOU MEN ARE THE ONES WHO BROUGHT THIS POVERTY UPON US BY LOSING THE WAR!

BESIDES, AS A PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PLAYER,
TAMAKO WILL SEND BACK MORE MONEY THAN BEFORE! SO DON'T COMPLAIN!

WOMEN
PLAYING BASEBALL
IT'S NOT SPORT. IT'S CLOSER TO DANCING NAKED OR BEING IN A ZOO.
MAKING FOOLS OF YOURSELF FOR THE WHOLE WORLD TO SEE
YOU'RE JUST PARADING YOURSELF FOR OTHERS TO WATCH.

I DON'T MIND,
AS LONG AS I CAN PLAY BASEBALL.

THAT MIGHT SUIT YOU,
BUT TAMAKO CAN'T DO IT.
TO TELL THE TRUTH, MS RANZAK! WANTED TO HIRE HER AS ONE OF THE STAFF.

AS TOME KANO'S MANAGER, SHE SAID.

ONE OF THE STAFF!?

GAME 10 END

Manager

I GUESS YOU'RE TOME KANO?
THAT'S RIGHT.
SO TAMAKO WILL BE YOUR MANAGER
DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS
TAMAKO'S NOT A MANAGER.

I'LL MAKE HER A PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PLAYER.
GAME11
A Glove

ANY PROBLEMS ?
WE'LL SEE.
TOME--
SIS--!
AH!

I HEARD YOU'RE PLAYING BASEBALL, ?
COOL~!
LONG TIME NO SEE YOU ALL LOOK WELL.
WELCOME BACK, SIS!

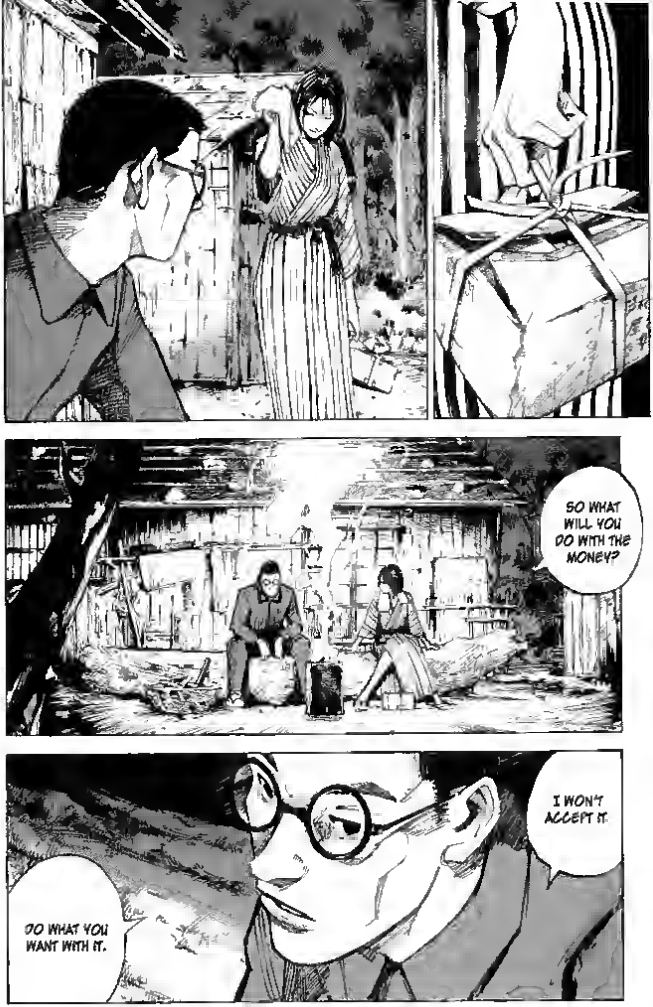
AHH, I'LL INVITE YOU ALL WHEN WE START.
CAN WE COME SEE YOU?

YEAH~!
WANNA EAT?
OH YES! WE BROUGHT RICE!

WE HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE YESTERDAY, TAMAKO.
YOU'RE HUNGRY TOO, RIGHT?
WE BROUGHT SWEETS TOO.
WOW! CHOCO-LATE!
CAN WE COOK SOME RICE?
ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!
YAY! YAY!

THANKS FOR THE MEAL~!
EAT UP.

PHEW!


SO WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE MONEY?
I WON'T ACCEPT IT.
DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH IT.

HEY,
WHY ARE YOU SO MAD?
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL
AND NOW IS HER ONLY CHANCE.
YOU WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE BORN WITHOUT TALENT.
HUH?
ALL THAT BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS EVERYDAY, BUT NEVER SEEING YOUR GOAL GET ANY CLOSER

IT'S FUTILE WHEN GOD HASN'T GIVEN IT TO YOU.

IT
HURTS.

DOES
SHE?

BUT WHO SAID TAMAKO DOESN'T HAVE IT?

I KNOW IT.
SHE DOES.

WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU KNOW IT?!
HAHA HAHA HA!

I'M SORRY
WE LOST THE WAR

YOU'RE SO CONFIDENT
AND IT SHOWS IN YOUR FEATURES

IT'S THE MEN'S FAULT THAT YOU'RE ALL SUFFERING

A WOMAN LIKE YOU IS LIVING PROOF THAT A NEW ERA HAS DAWNED.
MAYBE MY TIME IS OVER

DON'T APOLOGIZE
YOU DIDN'T START THE WAR THINKING THAT YOU'D LOSE

AH!
YES!

WHAT IS IT?

TAMAKO! COME!

YOU GAVE ME THIS MONEY, RIGHT?
TAMAKO.

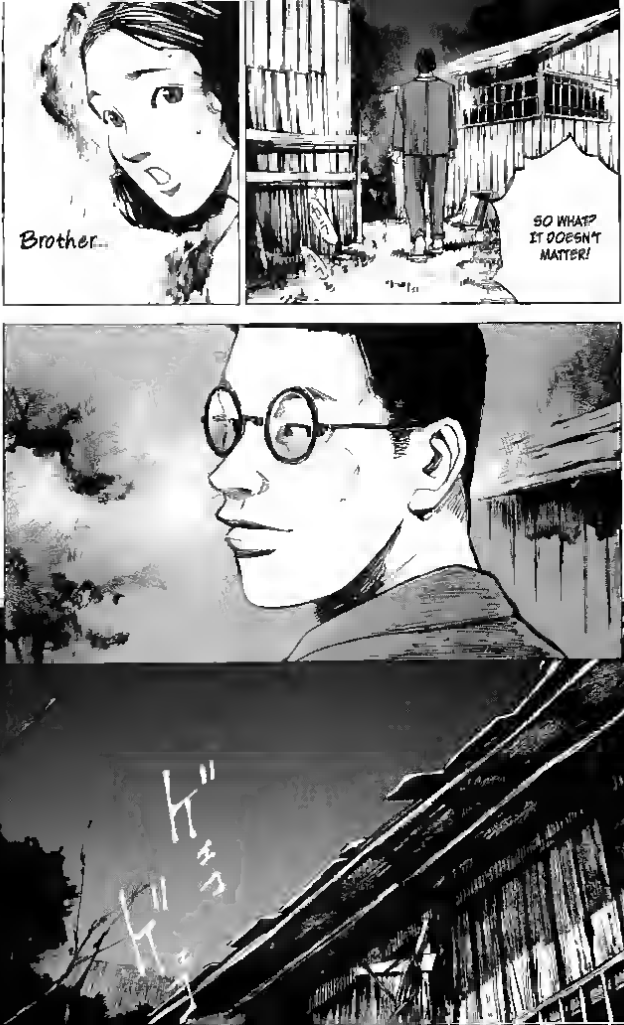
YES.
SO I CAN DO WHAT I WANT WITH IT?
YES.

I'M OLD-FASHIONED
I WOULDN'T USE IT
WHA~!
BUT I CAN MAKE THIS KIND OF MONEY WITHOUT YOUR CHARITY
YOU WALK YOUR OWN PATH.
I'LL LOOK AFTER THIS FAMILY.

SO?
YOU'LL LET HER DO IT?!

DIDN'T I TELL YOU SO!?
TOME...
THAT WAS 100,000 YEN!

WE DID IT!
HE AGREED!


Brother...
SO WHAT? IT DOESN'T MATTER!

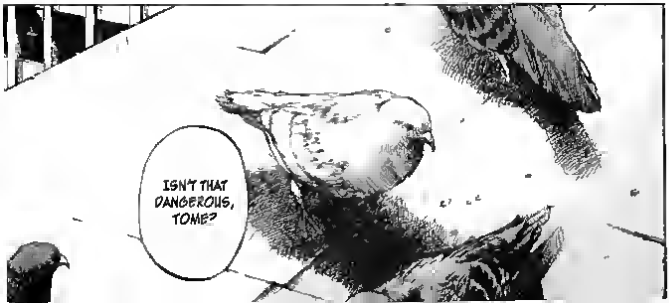
But Brother entrusted me with his dreams.
IT'S REALLY WORN

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE GAVE YOU THAT OLD GLOVE!
YEAH,

YOU SHOULD THROW IT AWAY!

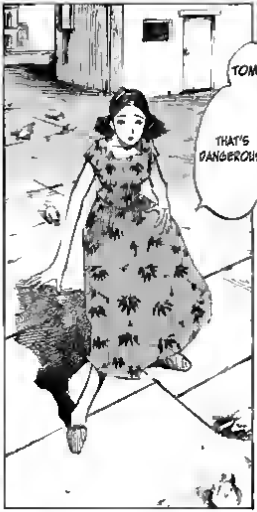
I'll treasure it
And use it
GAMEII END

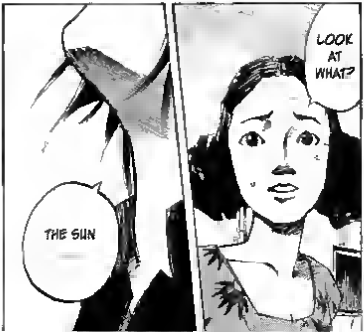
HIBIYA
COSMETICS


ISN'T THAT DANGEROUS, TOME?

HMMMM~
MMM

HOW FRUS-TRATING...
I CAN'T LOOK AT IT...


TOME,
THAT'S DANGEROUS


LOOK AT WHAT?
THE SUN

I TRY TO OPEN MY EYES, BUT IT'S TOO BRIGHT TO SEE.
GAME 12
Looking at the Sun

IT'LL BE COLD
AND DARK.
WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING

BUT WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT THE SUN?

HEE HEE.
WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO LOOK AT IT?

IT'S SO IMPORTANT, YET WE CAN'T LOOK AT IT.

ALL I KNOW
...!

ISN'T THAT FRUSTRATING?
AH.....

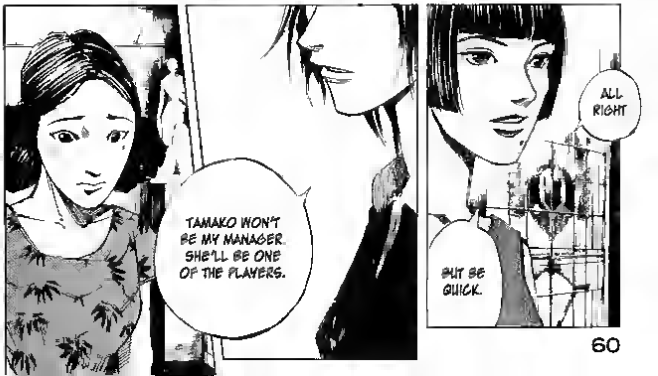
IS THAT IT'S ON FIRE
YOU COULD SEE IT IF IT WENT OUT

COME, LADIES.
THE BOSS IS CALLING.
WHO ARE YOU?

WILL IT BE ALL RIGHT?
MAYBE I SHOULD QUIT.
RELAX! IT'LL BE FINE!
FINALLY
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOREVER.
DING
WELCOME
YOU TWO LOOK WELL

I'M IN A RUSH, SO I'LL BE BRIEF.....
YOU TWO ARE HERE TODAY TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH HIBIYA COSMETICS.

HANG ON
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY FIRST.


ALL RIGHT
BUT BE QUICK.
TAMAKO WON'T BE MY MANAGER. SHE'LL BE ONE OF THE PLAYERS.

OH?
YOU PLAY BASEBALL TOO?
Y-
YES, IF YOU LET ME.
ALL RIGHT?
THAT'S FINE,
BUT YOU'LL STILL HAVE TO LOOK AFTER TOME AND MANAGE HER SCHEDULE
IF YOU CAN DO ALL THAT, YOU'RE WELCOME TO PLAY BASEBALL

WOULD YOU SIGN HERE, THEN?

YES!
GLADLY!

OK
YOU'RE NOW THE POSTER GIRL FOR HIBIYA COSMETICS, MS KANO.
WE'LL BE MANAGING EVERYTHING YOU DO FROM NOW, SO PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING SILLY.
I DON'T MIND, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BASEBALL TEAM?
WE'RE LAUNCHING A NEW PRODUCT NEXT MONDAY.
AND WE'VE GOTTEN A FAMOUS ARTIST
TO MAKE THE POSTER

Wear the moment and go!
A Hibiya Cosmetics Perfume (Flower)
A sweet, heart-wrenching fragrance
Orchid
Girls Professional Baseball Team
Tokyo Candy
Tame Kano

SHE'S NAKED!!
WELL? QUITE AN EXCITING POSTER, DON'T YOU THINK?

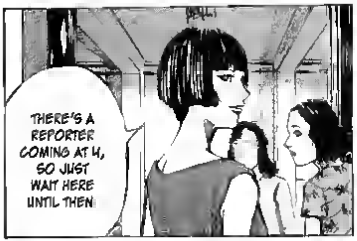
OF COURSE YOU'LL PLAY BASEBALL.
BUT I'VE ALSO GOT A BUSINESS TO RUN.

WE'RE BASEBALL PLAYERS!
WE DON'T DO THINGS LIKE THIS!

MY BREASTS ARE A BIT BIGGER THAN THAT.

I'M SORRY.
MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE A PHOTO NEXT TIME?
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND, TOME!?

BUT
IT'S NOT BAD.
RIGHT, TAMAKO?
ARE YOU SERIOUS, TOME?
WHY NOT?
PEOPLE WILL BE SHOCKED!
YES, THEY WILL.
WE'LL BE AT THE FOREFRONT
OF THIS NEW ERA.


THERE'S A REPORTER COMING AT 4, SO JUST WAIT HERE UNTIL THEN.

SO... MS TSUCHIYA.
Y-- YES?
LET'S GO TO MY OFFICE I'LL BRIEF YOU ON THE SCHEDULE

GOTCHA.

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YOU'RE ON FIRE.

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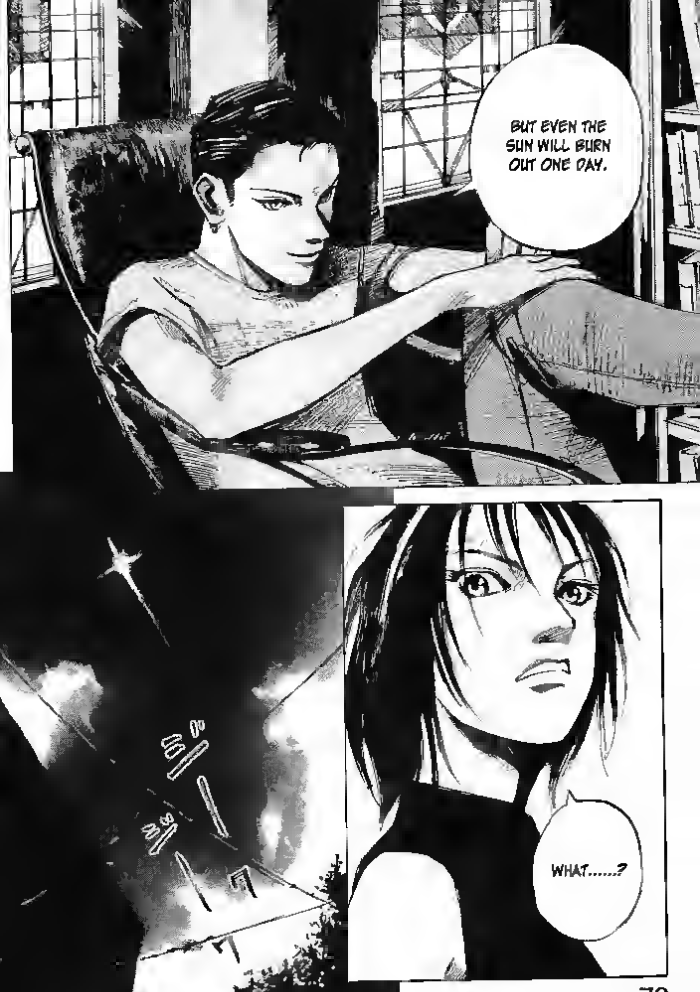


GAME12 END

SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING YOU..
KATSUMI RANZAKI
THE BROTHER OF THE WOMAN WHO'S PIMPING YOU
SO WHY ARE YOU BADMOUTHING HER?
SO WHO ARE YOU?

AND WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THE SUN BURNING OUT?

GIRLS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL IS A FAD THAT WON'T LAST.

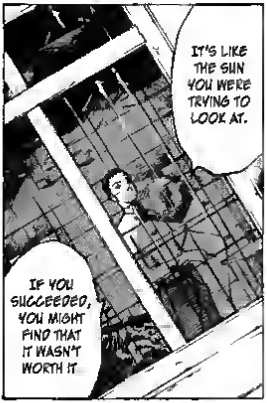
YOU'LL BE USED AND THROWN AWAY

ROSE
AND BESIDES
MY SISTER WILL DROP YOU AS SOON AS YOU STOP MAKING MONEY.

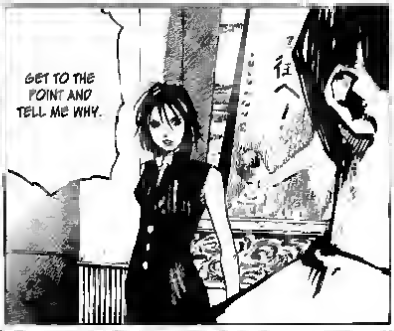
THROWN AWAY?

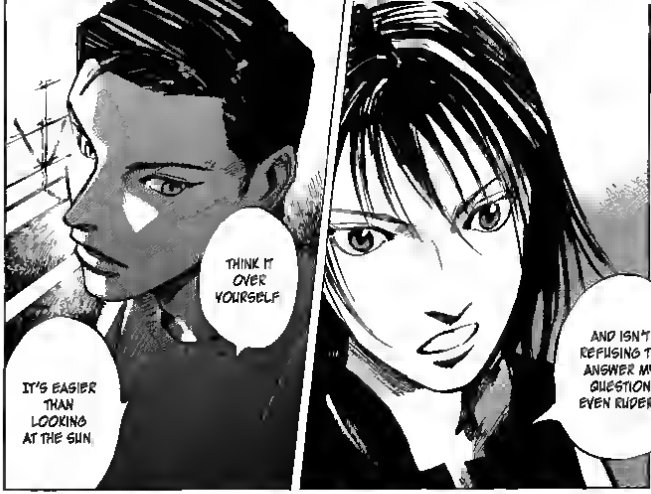
WOMEN DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO SUCCEED AT BASEBALL.
WHY'S THAT?
- don't have what it takes -
IT'S TOO LATE TO TURN BACK
HAHA HA,
YOU'RE BETTER OFF NOT KNOWING.

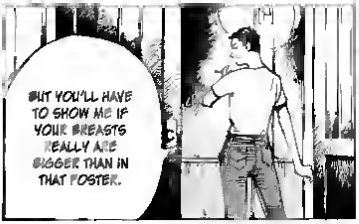
IT MIGHT JUST BE BURNING ITSELF UP.


IT'S LIKE THE SUN YOU WERE TRYING TO LOOK AT.
IF YOU SUCCEEDED, YOU MIGHT FIND THAT IT WASN'T WORTH IT

THAT'S NO WAY TO ASK SOMEONE FOR SOMETHING.


GET TO THE POINT AND TELL ME WHY.


THINK IT OVER YOURSELF
IT'S EASIER THAN LOOKING AT THE SUN.
AND ISN'T REFUSING TO ANSWER MY QUESTION EVEN RUDER?


BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOW ME IF YOUR BREASTS REALLY ARE BIGGER THAN IN THAT POSTER.

WELL,
IF YOU STILL CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT,
I'LL BE HERE TONIGHT.

SEEYA.

今を着て街へ!

SO—— WHY DID YOU BECOME A PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PLAYER?
WHAT WAS YOUR MOTIVATION?

DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT BASEBALL. HOW ABOUT THE FEMININE ANGLE?
C'MON YOU TWO

I WAS FRUSTRATED AFTER LOSING ONCE ..
WELL .
HUH?

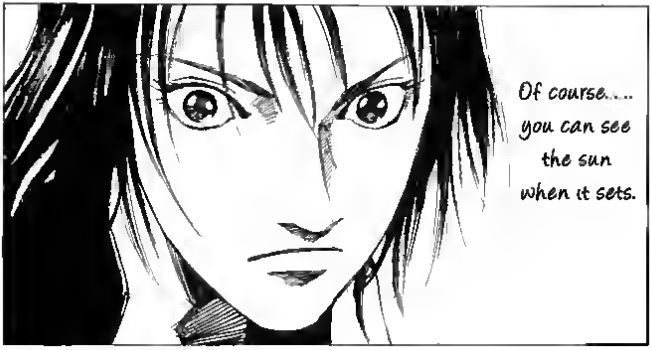
SO YOU NEVER CONSIDERED PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL BEFORE THAT?
THAT WAS THE EXHIBITION MATCH WITH THE STRIKES, WASN'T IT?

OF COURSE.
WOMEN'S LIBERATION, HUH?

IT'S TIME FOR WOMEN TO TAKE UP NEW CHALLENGES.

Women this, women that... geeze.
WOMEN WEREN'T BORN SIMPLY TO BEAR MORE CHILDREN.
YES?
WELL,
I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THAT.
BUT.....
HEARING THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE MAKES ME RISE TO THE CHALLENGE.

LOOKING AT.....
THE SUN?
I'VE BEEN TOLD IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
LOOKING AT THE SUN.
OR MAYBE
MEANING BASEBALL.....?
LOOK AT THAT BEAUTIFUL SUNSET
BUT IT'S NOT.


Of course.....
you can see
the sun
when it sets.

Without
knowing that
the [illegible]
will come.

IT'LL CREATE A SENSATION.
OF COURSE

今を着て街へ!
PLEASE PUBLISH THIS POSTER NICE AND LARGE.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
GO BACK FIRST, TAMAKO.

ARE YOU OKAY, TOME? YOU LOOK DOWN

I NEED TO FIND OUT SOMETHING.

HOTEL
PACHINKO

IS MR RANZAKI HERE?

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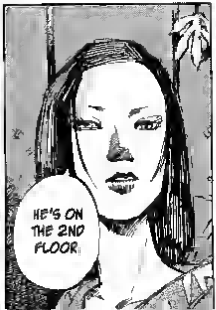
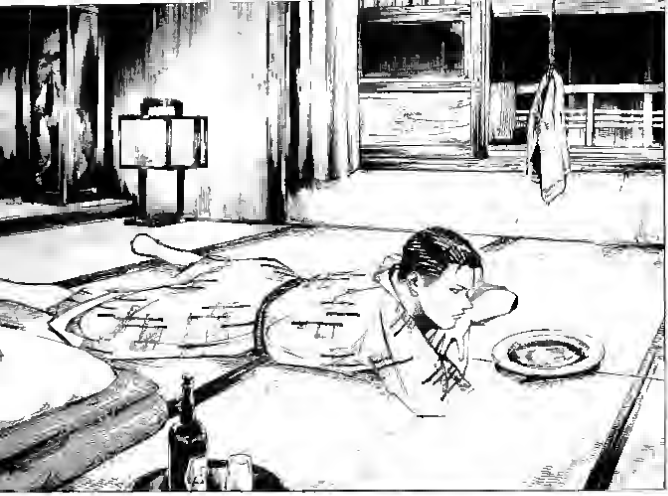

HE'S ON THE 2ND FLOOR.

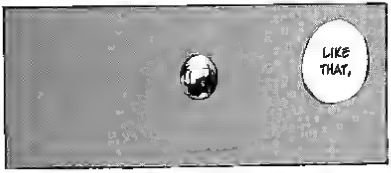


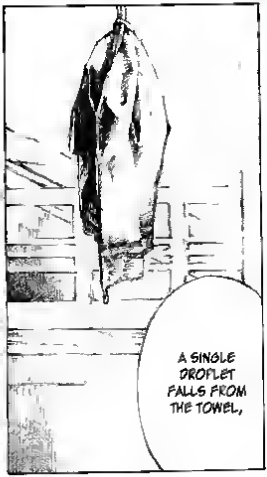
HEY.
LIE DOWN AND LOOK AT THIS.

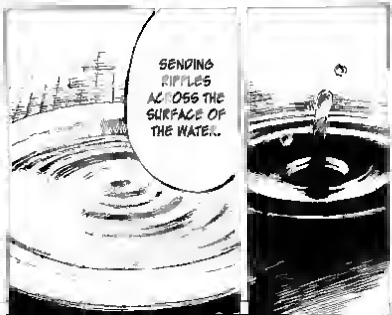
JUST COME

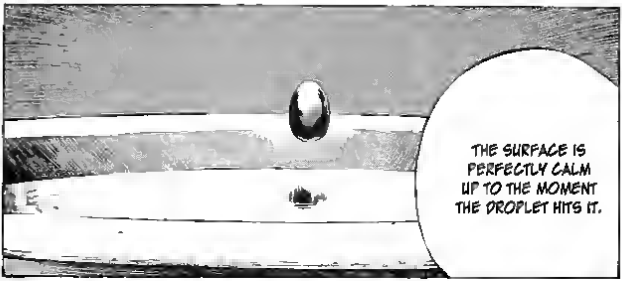
HUH?

WHAT IS IT?


LIKE THAT,


A SINGLE DROPLET FALLS FROM THE TOWEL,


SENDING RIPPLES ACROSS THE SURFACE OF THE WATER.


THE SURFACE IS PERFECTLY CALM UP TO THE MOMENT THE DROPLET HITS IT.

HMM-?
THAT SOUNDS SILLY.

I LOVE WATCHING THAT MOMENT.

HEY, I WASN'T THE ONE TRYING TO LOOK AT THE SUN EARLIER.

SO WHY DON'T WOMEN HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW?
FIGHT IT.

LISTEN.
MY SISTER MIGHT NOT BE DOING THE WRONG THING

HEH HEH HEH.

YOU'D FIGHT IT?

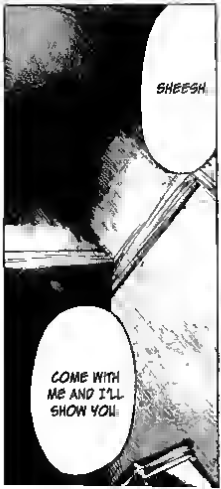
IN PUTTING YOU ON A FOSTER AND SELLING IT TO THE WORLD

THAT'S YOUR FIRST RIPPLE.

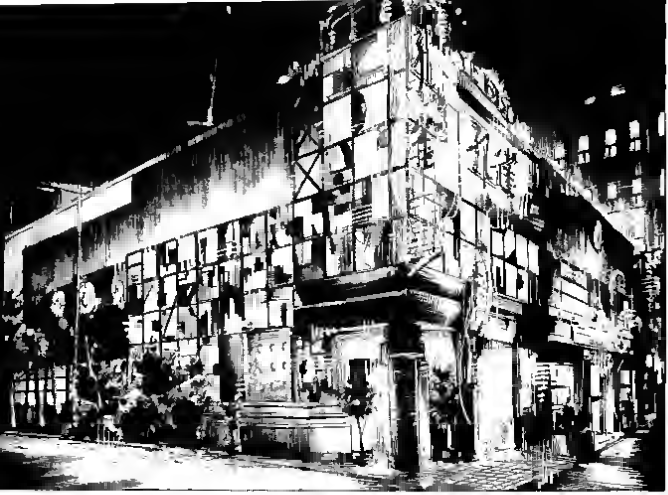
BUT IT ENDS WHEN THE TOWEL DRIES UP
NO MORE RIPPLES

BECAUSE YOU'RE A WOMAN.

BUT WHY WOULD IT DRY UP?


SHEESH.
COME WITH ME AND I'LL SHOW YOU.

WHAT?
DON'T FOOL YOURSELF.



YOU CAN'T TRUST THIS ROGUE, MISS.

HEY KATSUMI.
DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU WITH A WOMAN.

HE FLED TO SOUTH AMERICA TO AVOID FIGHTING IN THE WAR.

I DIDN'T RUN
I KNEW WE'D LOSE, SO THERE WASN'T ANY POINT STICKING AROUND.
WHO IS HE?
OH?
YOU DON'T KNOW?
THIS IS OTOMO OF THE TOKYO SPARKS.
GAME13 END

GAME 14
Kill or Be Killed

YOU'RE A PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL PLAYER .. ..?
I'M ONE TOO

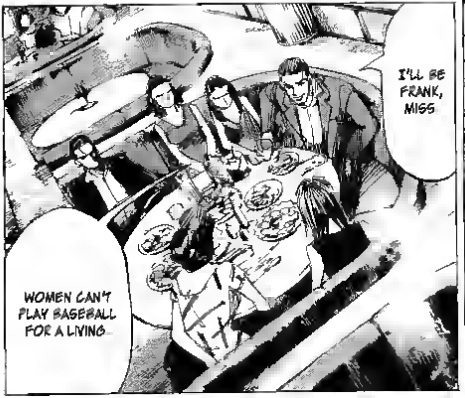
THAT GIRL'S PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL RUBBISH?!

HUH?

SO KATSUMI,
ARE YOU PLAYING TOO?
NO,

I BROUGHT HER HERE BECAUSE SHE HAS A QUESTION FOR YOU, MR OTOMO.

I SEE!
I'LL DO MY BEST TO ANSWER HER THEN!


I'LL BE FRANK, MISS
WOMEN CAN'T PLAY BASEBALL FOR A LIVING.

WHY NOT?
STOP KIDDING AROUND.

HMM... YOU'RE ANGRY
BUT IT'S MORE THAN SIMPLY BEING CALLED A 'PRO.' YOU HAVE WALK THE WALK.

YOU DON'T HAVE THE SPEED.
YOU'D ONLY BE AVERAGE, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU PRACTICE.
BUT WHAT THE AUDIENCE WANTS TO WATCH
IS A GAME WHERE THE BALL FLIES TOO FAST FOR THE EYE TO FOLLOW.
WOMEN DON'T HAVE THAT SPEED.
NOBODY WILL ENJOY IT.

IF YOU WOMEN WANT TO KEEP UP,
YOU'D HAVE TO SHRINK THE STADIUM INSTEAD!
BUT THAT'S NOT BASEBALL! IT'S JUST PLAYING WITH BALLS!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
WOMEN CAN PLAY BASEBALL THEIR OWN WAY
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FORGET
IT.
BASEBALL IS A MAN'S GAME

LISTEN UP, MISS
IN BASEBALL, YOU KILL SOMEONE BY STRIKING HIM OUT, AND YOU'RE KILLED WHEN YOU'RE STRUCK OUT.
IT'S A DEATH MATCH
WOMEN HAVE NO PLACE IN WAR

FORGET IT.
HEY, WOULD YOU LADIES THROW A BALL THAT'S AS HARD AS A ROCK AT SOMEONE'S HEAD?
NOT A CHANCE.
SEE?
THAT'S HOW MANY WOMEN THINK.
DO YOU KNOW WHY?

BECAUSE THEY'RE THERE TO GIVE BIRTH.
THEY CAN'T IMAGINE KILLING SOMEONE.

YOU'VE DRUNK SO MUCH
YEAH, GIMME MORE.
WOW, YOU'RE AMAZING.
WHAT?
GOT A PROBLEM?
WELL..... IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DRAW A CROWD, YOU SHOULD PLAY NAKED.

HECK, I'D GO WATCH THAT
YOU PLAYING WITH BALLS.
AND IF YOU CAN'T BRING YOURSELVES TO KILL EACH OTHER,
I'LL THROW AT THE BATTER'S HEAD INSTEAD.

OH!!
STOP MAKING FUN OF WOMEN!
ENOUGH!

AHHHHH!!

WHY
ARE YOU DOING THIS?
YOU IDIOT
DO YOU KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF YOU DO THAT?
KATSUMI.
SHE WOULDN'T DO IT EVEN IF YOU HADN'T TAKEN THAT GUN OUT.
DON'T BE RIDIC-ULOUS!
I CAN'T LET HIM GO AFTER ALL HE'S SAID!

PUT DOWN THE KNIFE.
I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS,

BUT YOU'LL BE ON THE LOSING END IF YOU STAB HIM

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GUN AND THE KNIFE
IS LIKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN IN BASEBALL

ALL RIGHT.

THANKS, MR OTOMO
LET'S GO.

DID IT GO AS YOU PLANNED?

HEY KATSUMI!

WELL...
I'LL PICK UP YOUR TAB TONIGHT TO MAKE UP FOR IT.

GAME 14 END

GAME 15
Fireworks

BAR
CHERIO
HEY, YOU'VE REALLY HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK.

I BROUGHT YOU THERE BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO KNOW.
HI-
DON'T STAY MAD AT ME.

WELL,
A LOT'S HAPPENED.

WHY DO YOU HAVE A GUN ON YOU?

DON'T
JOKE AROUND.

I'M GOING
WANT ME TO SEND YOU BACK?
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!
THUD
AHH-
BLARGGH

HAVE SOME WATER

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UGH
THANKS

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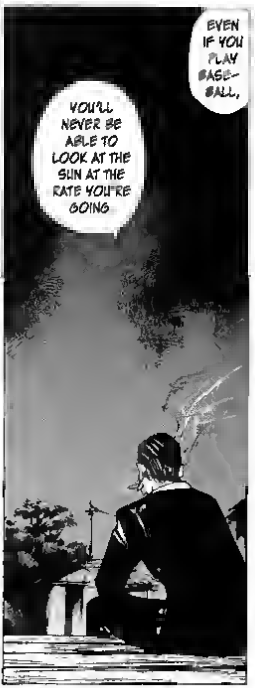
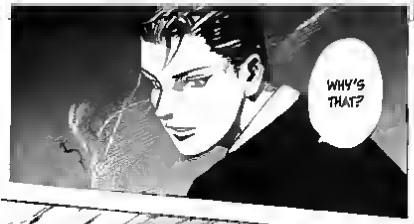
I'LL DO IT.
I HATE THE DARKNESS EVEN MORE THAN DYING.


EVEN IF YOU PLAY BASE-BALL,
YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THE SUN AT THE RATE YOU'RE GOING.


WHY'S THAT?

I SPENT COUNTLESS DAYS HIDING UNDERGROUND DURING THE BOMBINGS.

I WAS SEPARATED FROM MY FAMILY.
MY SCHOOL TEACHER FORCED ME TO STAY IN AN AIR RAID SHELTER FOR A WHOLE MONTH.
THEN I STARTED WANTING TO BATHE IN THE SUNLIGHT, SO I WENT OUT.
BUT
MY PARENTS AND SIBLINGS
AND THE ENTIRE CITY.....
NOTHING WAS LEFT.
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Note: In large families the name 'Tome' is sometimes used to signify the youngest child. It probably comes from the verb 'tomeru', to stop

IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN, I'LL CLIMB IN THE FIRST ZERO FIGHTER AND BLOW UP THE AMERICANS.
HAHAHA!

I HATED THE WAR.
IT TOOK EVERYTHING FROM ME.

THAT'S IRONIC..... NOW YOU'RE PLAYING THIS GAME THEY INVENTED.

WELL, THE WAR AFFECTED ME TOO.
I DON'T EXIST ANYMORE.
HOW?
I WASN'T PART OF THE WAR BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT I DIED

YEAH..... I DIED ONCE.
SO YOU'RE TALKING TO A GHOST NOW.
HAHA HA!
SO YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD?
Death
I KINDA AGREE
THAT PITCHER EARLIER SAID BASEBALL WAS A DEATH MATCH AND WOMEN HAD NO PLACE IN IT

YOU SEE,
I PLAYED AGAINST THIS GIRL KUROSAWA. SHE TOLD ME IT WASN'T A DEATH MATCH
SHE WAS AN AMAZING FATTER, BUT SHE SAID IT NONETHELESS.
I WONDER
IF WOMEN CAN'T BEAT MEN NO MATTER WHAT.

I NEVER WANTED TO BE BORN A BOY.
AND I WON'T DENY WHO I AM.
BUT IT'D BE A CRIME
TO GIVE UP WITHOUT A STRUGGLE.

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HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DO YOU EVER WANT... TO BECOME THE SUN?

NOT JUST TO LOOK AT IT, BUT TO SHINE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
GIRLS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL WON'T LAST LONG BUT DO YOU WANT TO SHINE BRIGHTLY, IF ONLY FOR AN INSTANT?
I CAN DO IT.

IT MIGHT COST ME MY LIFE, BUT I GUESS THAT'S ALL RIGHT FOR A DEAD MAN.

Yu...
DO YOU WANT TO LIGHT UP THE NIGHT LIKE THOSE FIREWORKS?

CAN I REALLY?
THAT'S UP TO YOU.

OKAY.

WE MOVE INTO THE TREACHEROUS WORLD OF HONOR AND SHAME FROM HERE ON.

I'M NOT AS NAIVE AS MY SISTER.
AND I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR CHARACTER.

ELARGGH
END

Though you've shamed yourself enough already.....

KATSUMI,
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

I SAID,
"LET ME MANAGE THE CANOYS."

DON'T BE SILLY. HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?

THIS PROJECT WAS MY VISION FROM THE VERY START
GAME 16
Pioneer

I'VE ALREADY DECIDED
AND..... I'M BEGGING YOU.

I CAN'T BE TALKING TO A DEAD MAN, CAN I?

IT'S NOT FOR YOU TO TAKE OVER.....

MAYBE I'M NOT REALLY HERE.
BUT I'M STILL BEGGING
ANYHOW, HOW CAN I TRUST YOU?
YOU ALWAYS DROP THINGS AND RUN OFF WHEN YOU GET SICK OF THEM.
YOU JUST WANT TO DO IT BECAUSE YOU'RE BORED, RIGHT?
I'LL GIVE YOU SOME MONEY SO YOU CAN GO LAZE AROUND

SAY,
DO YOU KNOW HOW THAT ROYAL CHAP WHO'S BEHIND GIRLS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL IS PLANNING TO MAKE MONEY?
IF COMPANIES SPONSOR THEIR TEAMS FULLY, HE DOESN'T HAVE TO SPEND A CENT.
AND THEY'LL EVEN HELP WITH PUBLICITY
I CHECKED IT OUT.
HE'S ALSO PLANNING TO CHARGE TRIPLE THE TICKET PRICE OF MEN'S BASEBALL
HE ALSO HAS ALL THE PROMOTIONAL RIGHTS, SO THE LION'S SHARE OF THE MONEY WILL GO TO HIM.

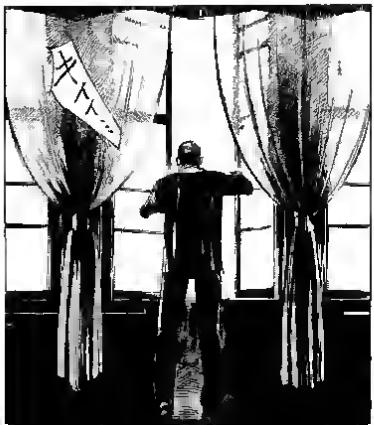
NO.
I JUST WANTED TO SHOW YOU THAT I'VE DONE MY HOMEWORK.
DO YOU THINK I DIDN'T KNOW ANY OF THAT?
SO
WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE?
ESSENTIALLY, IT'S NOT WORTH IT
TO SPONSOR A BASEBALL TEAM WITHOUT THE PROMOTIONAL RIGHTS
TO UNDERWRITE THE WHOLE THING.

YOU MEAN TO BUY A TEAM AND RUN IT?
YES
I'LL CRUSH THAT ROYAL PAIN IN THE ASS
AND WRITE YOUR NAME IN HISTORY.

SET THE COUNTRY AFLAME AS ONE OF JAPAN'S POST-WAR FEMALE PIONEERS.
IF YOU FAIL, YOU'RE FIRED.

SAN,
WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE COLOR, SIS?

RED, OF COURSE
SCARLET RED...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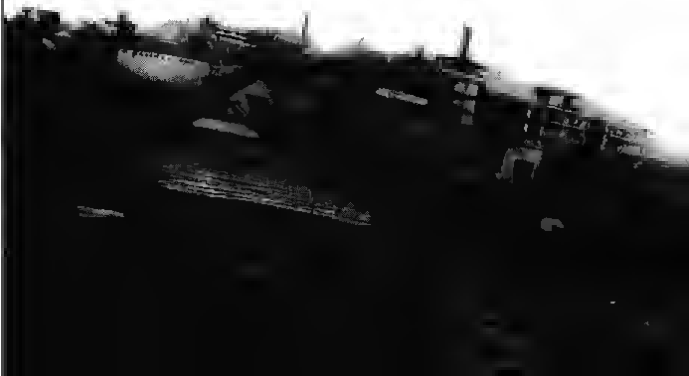
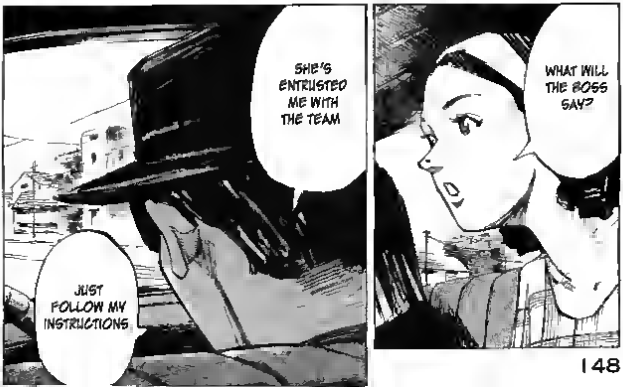
I'LL DYE THIS COUNTRY RED, THEN.



YOU'LL BE MEETING THE COACH AND OTHER PLAYERS TODAY

AND SPEND A WHILE LEARNING THE FUNDAMENTALS.

BUT SHE'S GOT A MAGAZINE INTERVIEW THIS AFTERNOON AND WE'RE MEETING WITH ANOTHER NEWSPAPER OVER DINNER
I'LL DECIDE WHEN IT'S TIME FOR THINGS LIKE THAT.


SHE'S ENTRUSTED ME WITH THE TEAM
JUST FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS.
WHAT WILL THE BOSS SAY?

YES
OKAY?
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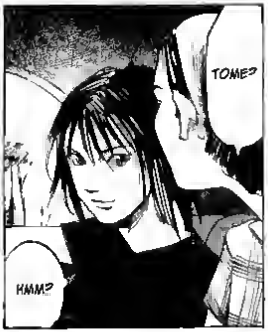
SATE.1
DAIRY.1

IS THIS
AN AMERICAN BASE...?

WHAT BETTER PLACE TO LEARN ABOUT BASEBALL?
HANG ON A SEC.

HEY TOME,
HE SCARES ME.


TOME?
HMM?

WILL IT BE ALL RIGHT?

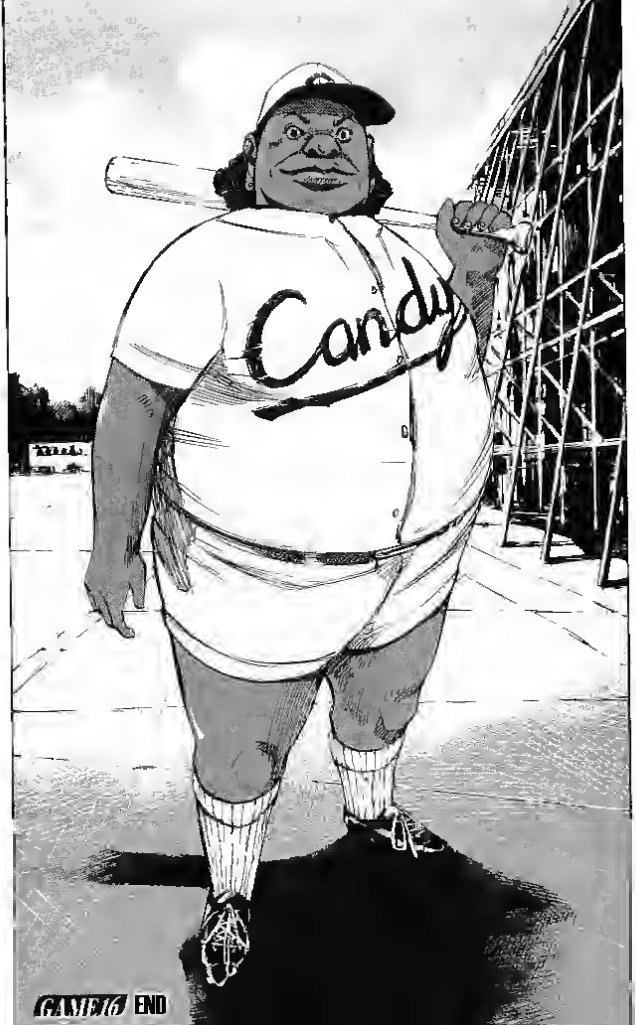
IT'LL BE FINE.
THEY CAN'T START WITHOUT US

AHH--!
THIS FEELS GREAT!

I HAVEN'T PLAYED BASEBALL IN FOREVER!
MY BODY'S SICK OF ALL THOSE INTERVIEWS

ALL RIGHT, LADIES.
WHATEVER YOU DO,
DON'T LAUGH.
I COULDN'T STOP HER FROM WEARING IT.
WHY?
HUH?
WILKIN
THE COACH'S UNIFORM WASN'T READY.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THIS IS YOUR COACH, MARTHA JACKSON
Hello Ladies

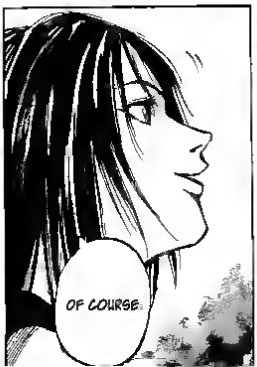


GAME 6 END

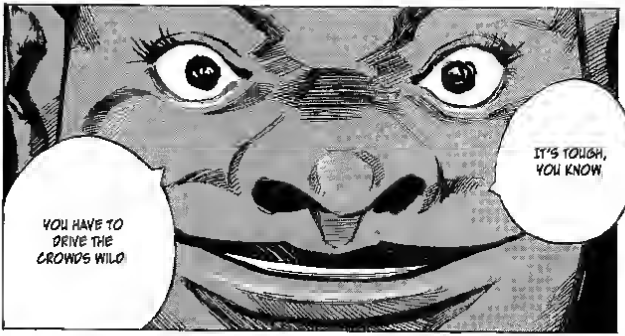
She's black.....
And fat.....
GAME 17
Black Candys
AND SHE'S SEEN AS A GODDESS IN THE BASEBALL WORLD!
HER LATE HUSBAND WAS A SUPERSTAR IN THE NEGRO LEAGUE,

Note: The Negro League was established for people of color near the end of the 19th century and lasted until 1960s. They were discriminated against and not allowed to play in the Major League, which was exclusively for white people.

SO YOU'RE TOME?
AH... YES.


OF COURSE.

AND YOU'RE GONNA BE A SUPERSTAR?


IT'S TOUGH, YOU KNOW
YOU HAVE TO DRIVE THE CROWDS WILD

I WILL, I WILL
OW OW OW

BUT YOU'RE GONNA DO IT WITH THESE SKINNY ARMS?
SQUEEZE

TEE HEE HEE HEE HEE
YOU'RE CUTE.
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO TEACH ME BASEBALL FIRST, COACH.

ALL RIGHT!
WE'LL WORK RELENTLESSLY FOR THE GODS OF BASEBALL TO SMILE ON US!
GOT IT?
GAH!
OKAY, TOME.
I'VE GOTTEN A WHOLE TEAM FOR THE TOURNAMENT 2 MONTHS FROM NOW.
"
Incredible
She looks like an ohagi

Note: Balls of mochi flour coated in red bean paste
http://japanesefood.about.com/cs/dessertsnacks/a/ohagi.htm

THE WHOLE TEAM WILL BE STAYING AT MARTHA'S PLACE UNTIL THEN

I WANT YOU TO BRING BACK THE TITLE, OF COURSE.
SO THE CANDYS DON'T HAVE A FUTURE IF WE CAN'T?

IF YOU DON'T WIN, THE CANDYS WILL BE DISBANDED.
DIS-BANDED !?

HEH
THE TITLE, HUH?
NO MEN ALLOWED INSIDE.
SURE.
WELL, I'LL PRAY TO THE GODS OF BASEBALL FOR VICTORY TOO

COME ALONG!
THE REST OF THE LADIES ARE WAITING!

ONE INTERESTING GIRL APPLIED.
I THINK WE CAN USE HER.....

OH YES,
TOME

IT'S JUST A SMALL BUMP ON YOUR ROAD TO BECOMING A SUPERSTAR.... PUT UP WITH IT!
HUH.....? PICK A FIGHT?

SO DON'T PICK A FIGHT

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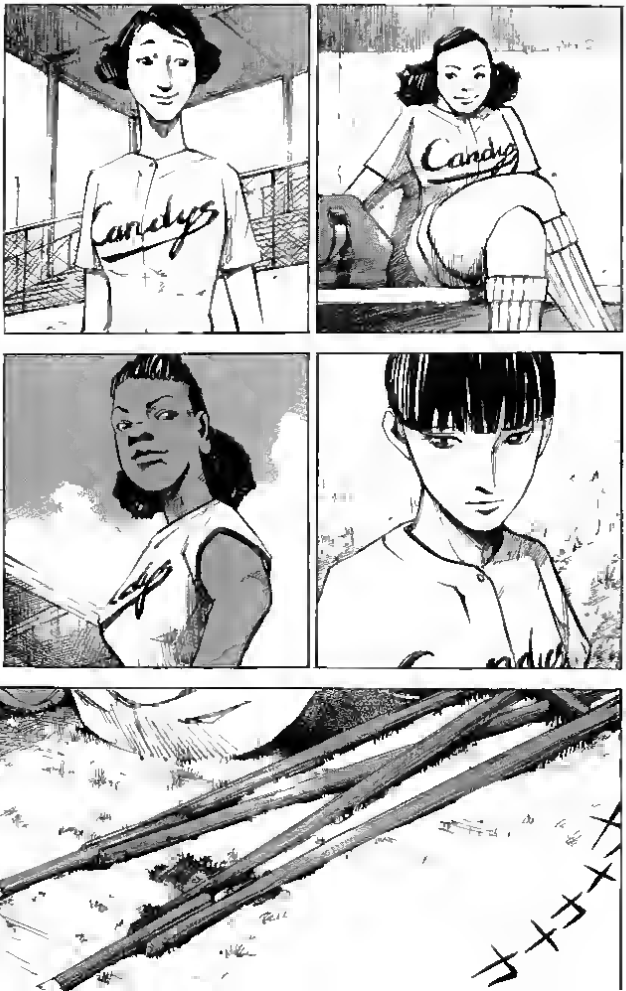
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Candys

SO WHO'S THE INTER-ESTING ONE.....
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T--TOME
HUH?
THAT PERSON SITTING OVER THERE....
GAH!!

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KURO-
SAWA!!
K--

Why is such a renowned player joining the Candys.....
That's Ms Kurosawa of the Strikes! She beat Tome in that exhibition!
OH DEAR.
WHY THE SUDDEN SHOCK?
SHE'S ONE OF YOUR TEAMMATES, YOU KNOW.
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Tome.

I-- THAT'S CRAZY
I WENT PRO TO BEAT HER.

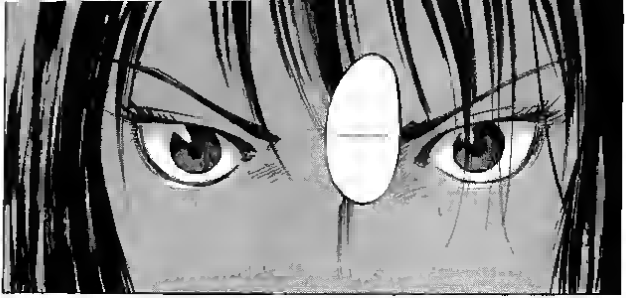
VISITOR
TOGO
DTR
DOWN

MS KANO.
ARE YOU ANGRY?

IT'S NOT YOUR TEAM
IT BELONGS TO THE FANS

OF COURSE.
WHY ARE YOU ON MY TEAM?

YOUR TEAM...?



BUT RELAX
I THINK THEY ENJOYED THE SHOW YOU PUT UP.
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THE STRIKES FIRED ME.
FIRED?
HUH?
BUT WHY?
AS YOU CAN SEE, I WAS IN AN ACCIDENT.

I WAS INJURED, AND THEY FOUND SOMEONE BETTER.

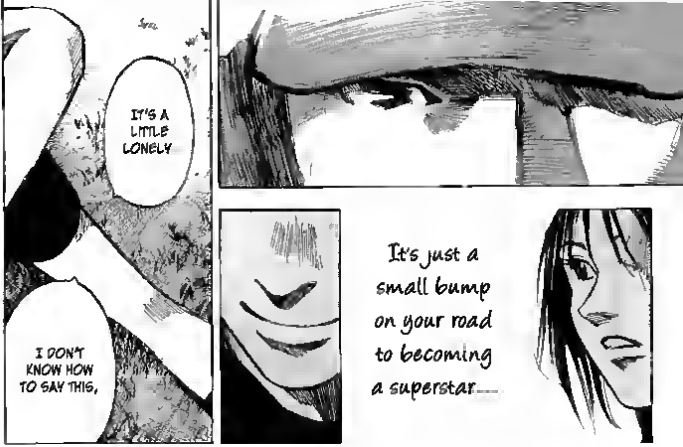
YES.

YOU MEAN
THERE ARE PEOPLE BETTER THAN YOU.....?

I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT SOME OF THEM PUT ME TO SHAME.

HEY.
DON'T PULL MY LEG.

MS KANO.
THE LEVEL OF GIRLS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL IS STEADILY INCREASING!
Fanldys
SO WILL YOU GIVE ME THE CHANCE
TO START AGAIN HERE?


IT'S A LITTLE LONELY
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS,
It's just a small bump on your road to becoming a superstar....

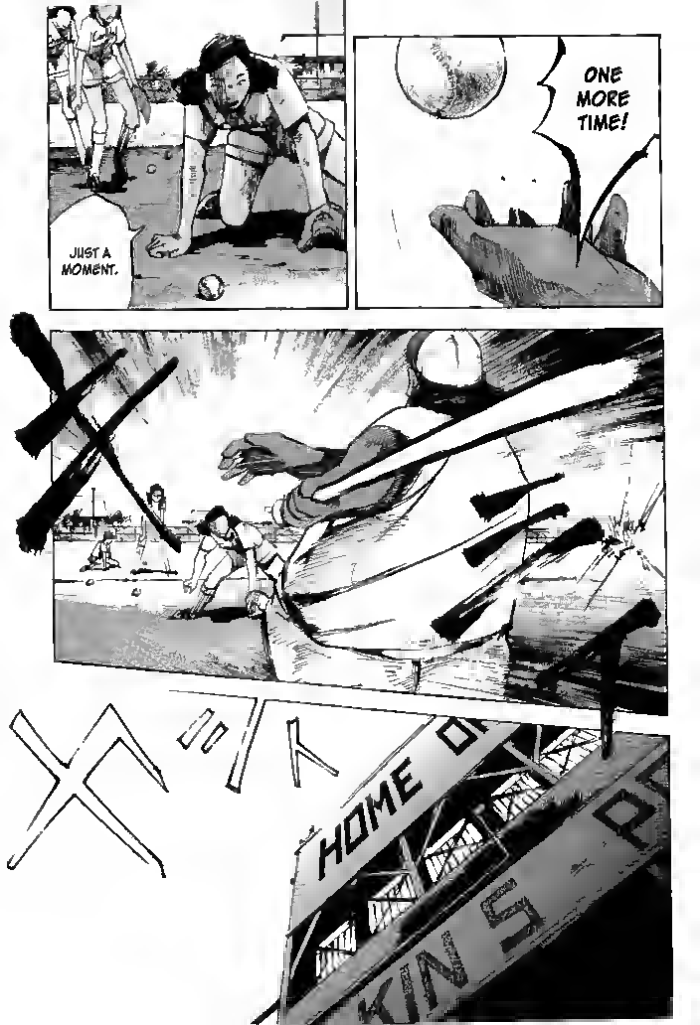
BUT I CAN'T TAKE BASEBALL AWAY FROM YOU

WE'LL WIN THAT TOURNAMENT.
Oh! Tome's matured a little.
YES,
OF COURSE
?!
THE TEAM MIGHT BELONG TO THE FANS, BUT MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, IT BELONGS TO THE COACH.
LADY KUROSAWA.
YES?

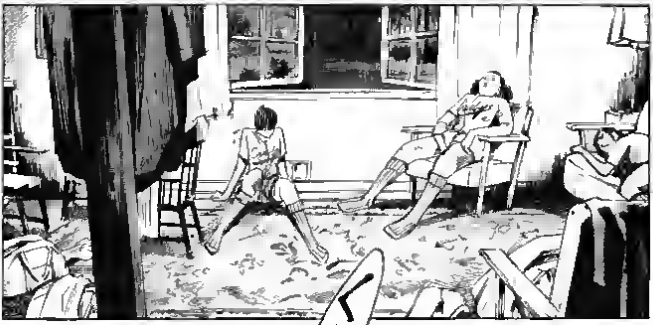
GATHER ROUND, LADIES!
THE BLACK CANOYS ARE PUTTING OUT TO SEA!
What in the world?
Black Candys?
The team has formed!
We're going to play baseball!!

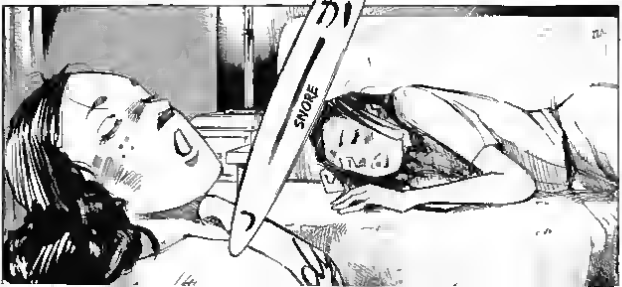
HAHI

AHHHH!
UGH...
THE GODS OF BASEBALL WON'T SMILE AT THAT!
HEY-! YOU CAN CATCH IT!


JUST A MOMENT.
ONE MORE TIME!
HOME

GAME 18
Starting

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OH, YOU'RE KEEPING A DIARY, TAMAKO?
DO YOU WRITE DAILY?
Day 14 of Training Camp
WO-W, THAT'S AMAZING
YES, BUT IT'S NOT HARD NOW THAT IT'S BECOME A HABIT
I COULD NEVER DO THAT
Ms Sayoko Yoshie is really beautiful, and she knows it.

She's not very good at baseball, but her looks make up for it.
She even fixes her make-up during practice, always making us feel that she's really a woman
UNGGH-
HEY, WAKE UP... SORRY.
LET ME SLEEP...
I'M TIRED...
WHY NOT LET HER SLEEP SINCE SHE ISN'T HUNGRY?
C'MON EVERYONE, TIME TO EAT.

HANG ON!
LET'S EAT!
ALL RIGHT.
HMMFH

WHY DON'T I GET MY FAMILY TO SEND FOOD HERE EVERYDAY INSTEAD?
COOKING IS DIFFICULT, IS IT?
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO SAY THIS FOR A WHILE, BUT THE FOOD HERE ISN'T TASTY

Shizuka Oda, the youngest, is only 16
She's a spoilt brat who doesn't have any manners

WELL, LET'S FORGET THE KID AND GET ON WITH DINNER
SHE'S JUST BEING SPOILT.
SORRY—— MY MAMA
ALWAYS SLEEPS AT 7
WHAT? SHE'S ALREADY ASLEEP?
YES. SHE SLEEPS EARLY.

AHHHH! I'M STARVING!
ONIGIRI SHOULD BE FINE, RIGHT?
HEY, YOU SHOULD EAT SOMETHING

Ms Chie Sakakibara, the eldest, is 22. She's like an older sister to the rest of us
WE'RE ALL LIVING TOGETHER, SO WE SHOULD TRY TO GET ALONG.

Maybe I'll meet her one day, since I've started playing
She loves the Tigers player Fujimura
Everyone's fascinating in their own way

Our team's ace, Tome.
But one of us matured recently
SO IN A DOUBLE PLAY, YOU DON'T SCORE EVEN IF YOU RUN TO HOME BASE FIRST?
THAT'S RIGHT YOU NEED TO WAIT FOR A FAIR BALL.
She's studying the rules furiously ...
OKAY, GOT IT.
WHAT'S NEXT?

She's growing steadily with Ms Kurosawa beside her.

It's probably the first time Tome's ever been so drawn into something.

Her only goal is to become the best pitcher that ever lived.

MS KANO
ONE MORE TIME, JUST AS I TAUGHT YOU.

OKAY
Grip the ball perpendicular to the seams.

Raise your leg high
Gather your strength to propel the ball forward

And throw!
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THAT WAS GOOD.
BUT YOU'RE ONLY GETTING 1 OUT OF 10 THROWS.

YEAH
LET'S LEAVE IT HERE FOR TODAY AND GO RUNNING
YOU NEED TO BUILD UP YOUR ENDURANCE.
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And so
a month
passed.
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LISTEN UP.
LADY KUROSAWA'S LEG HAS HEALED, AND IT'S TIME FOR A PRACTICE MATCH.
OKAY.
WHO ARE WE UP AGAINST?
MEN.

MEN?
THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS!
GAME 18 END

WELL, 100 DOLLARS A PERSON SURE AIN'T BAD FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

DON'T JUST KILL TIME. I WANT YOU TO PLAY SERIOUSLY.

PERFECT WAY TO KILL SOME TIME.

GAME 15
U.S.Marines

HEY LADY, BASEBALL IS IMPORTANT TO US AMERICANS
IT'S MORE THAN JUST A GAME

ARE YOU SAYING THEY CAN'T DO IT?

WHAT?
Candy
YOU THINK THEY CAN BEAT US AT OUR GAME?

BUT
HOW ARE YOUR GIRLS GONNA PUT UP A FIGHT?

THAT'S GREAT!
AHAHAHAHAHAH!!
IT COMES DOWN TO THIS
IS THERE ANY POINT ASIDE FROM THE 100 DOLLARS?

OR MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO DO IT INSTEAD?
AT THE LEAST, YOUR GIRLS SHOULD SPEND THE NIGHT WITH US AFTER WE WIN..
EXACTLY.

GWAHAHAHAHA!!
SQUEEZE
SPARE ME THAT!

HMMPH
PATHETIC.

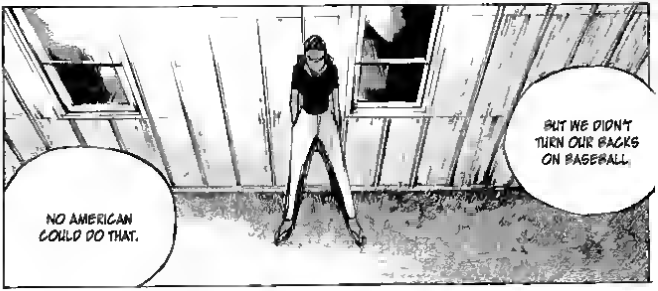
OH OH OH!
I'LL TAKE YOU ON
LET GO! LET GO!

TELL YOU WHAT...
IF MY GIRLS LOSE,

Candy
I'LL GET ON THE BASEBALL MOUND AND STRIP.

GAHAHAHAHA!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE DIRT!

YOU DIDN'T LET US NEGROES PLAY IN YOUR BASEBALL LEAGUE.


BUT WE DIDN'T TURN OUR BACKS ON BASEBALL.
NO AMERICAN COULD DO THAT.

THERE'S NOTHING GREATER THAN IT.
LISTEN.
OTHERWISE YOU'RE NOT TREATING THE GAME WITH RESPECT.
YOU PLAY PROPERLY, NO MATTER WHO YOU'RE UP AGAINST.

GRIN

LOOKIN' FORWARD TO SEEIN' YOU STRIP, THEN.

WHY DID YOU MAKE THAT PROMISE?
FFFFFF
LET'S GO, CONNIE.
COME.
WHAT IF WE LOSE?!
DON'T LOSE HOPE.
WE WON'T LOSE.

Win the tournament or we'll be disbanded

Martha

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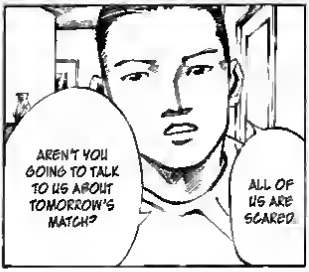
優勝
できなかったら
解散
マーサ

HOW STRONG ARE THEY?
28 TO 1.
WHAT A DIFFERENCE.
HERE TOO
THEIR #4, JOHN, EVEN MADE 3 HOME RUNS
WELL, I'M TIRED GOOD NIGHT.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BLACK CANDYS' FIRST VICTORY TOMORROW
THERE'S NO POINT PLAYING AGAINST THE WEAK.


AREN'T YOU GOING TO TALK TO US ABOUT TOMORROW'S MATCH?
ALL OF US ARE SCARED.

HMM?
HANG ON, COACH.

SHE CAN'T WAIT TO PITCH

NOT ALL. ONE OF YOU ISN'T.

LADY TOME IS ALREADY WAY BETTER THAN THEIR PITCHER

O..... KAY.

YOU GIRLS..... HAVE TO BELIEVE IN HER.

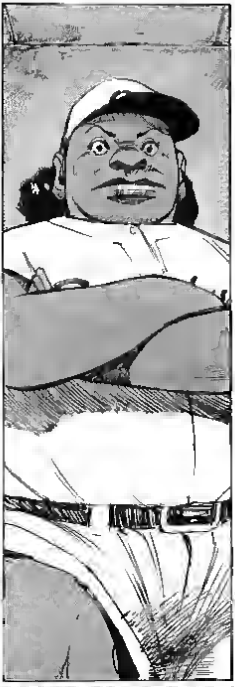
Believe in Tome...?
GOT IT?
WHEN THEY HIT THE BALL, THEY SCORE. WHEN WE HIT, WE SCORE
IT'S THAT SIMPLE.

RELAX.
WE CAN WIN.

Just another
Sunday at the
baseball field.

Except

We have opponents on the bench.....



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GAME20
First Ball
HOO-
THAT'S THE 7TH
ONE ALREADY.

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AND THERE HE GOES AGAIN
GEEZE, ANOTHER ONE
THE MAJOR LEAGUE WANTS TO SIGN HIM IT'LL BE A MASSACRE.

HEY, HELP ME WARM UP.
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HUH?

O...
OKAY...

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CATCH THE BALL.

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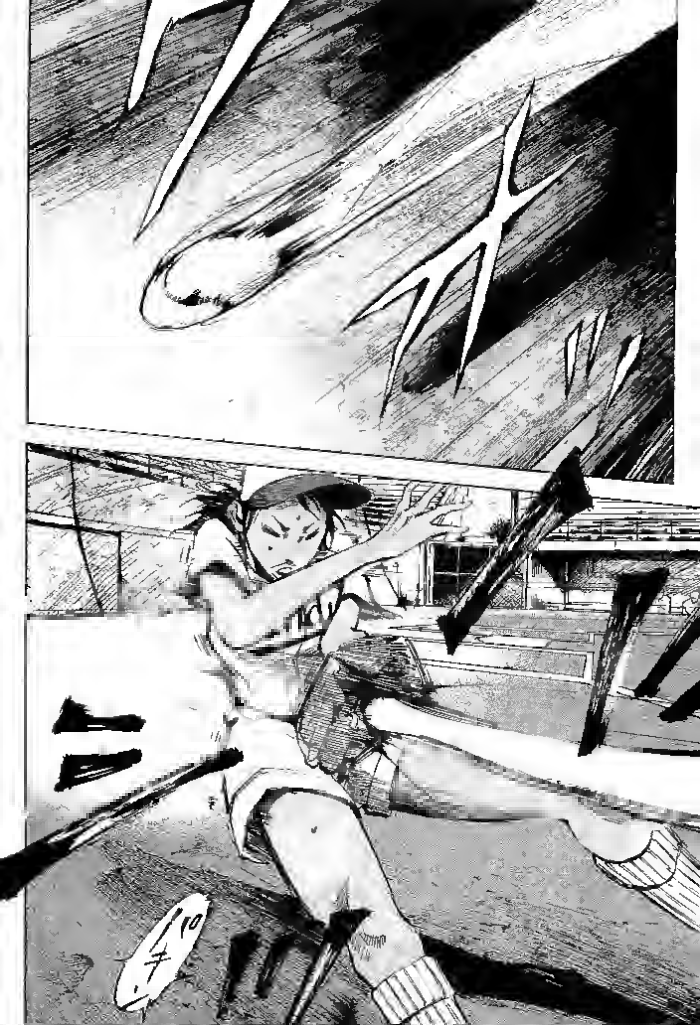

Candy
AH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
HEY, GET UP.

COME OVER, BABY! I'LL MAKE YOU FEEL ALL-BETTER!
HMM? AND YOU MADE HER CRY?

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I WASN'T EVEN TRYING

I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT HOW DO THEY EVEN PLAY BASEBALL?
TRYING TO BULLY THEM?

OUCH!
9
10

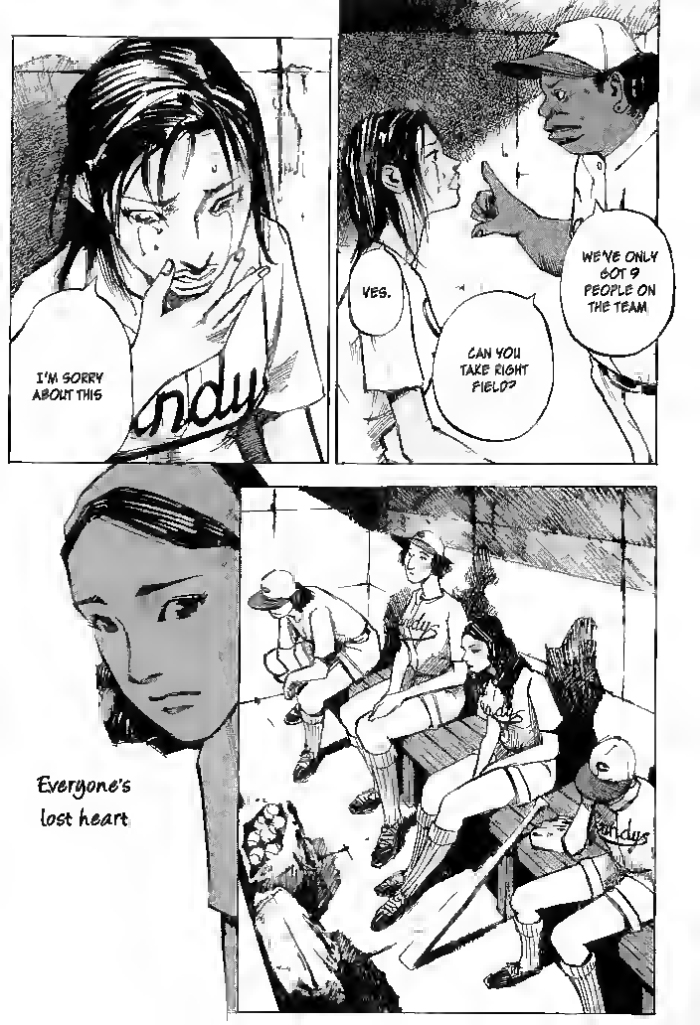
I THINK IT'S BROKEN.
I...
I CAN DO IT!
Candy
Candy
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF, KAORU
I HAVE TO! I WON'T GET PAID IF I DON'T PLAY!!

I JOINED THIS TEAM BECAUSE I NEED THE MONEY!

HEY,
LET ME TAKE A LOOK

WELL..

OUCH!


I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS
YES.
CAN YOU TAKE RIGHT FIELD?
WE'VE ONLY GOT 9 PEOPLE ON THE TEAM
Everyone's lost heart

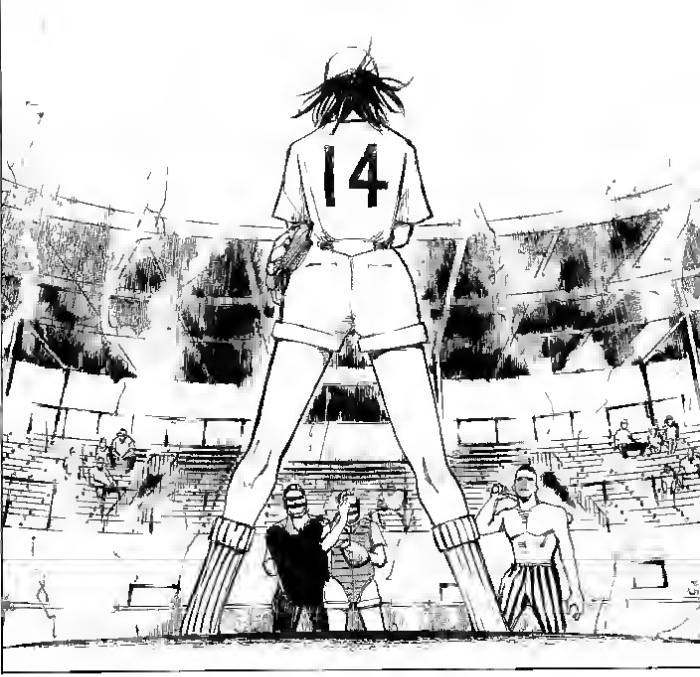
Our first match...
1 Gonno Center
2 Tamako Short
3 Tomo Pitcher
4 Kuresawa Catcher
5 Oda Third
6 Yamamoto Second
7 Sakakibara First
8 Sayoko Right
9 Kaoru Left
What a terrible way to begin
YEAH.
SOB
I'M GLAD YOU'RE STILL GOING TO PLAY.
BUT THIS KIND OF THING HAPPENS ALL THE TIME WHEN YOU'RE A PRO.

C'MON, MARINES!
4
LET'S START!!

YEAH,
I'M READY ANYTIME

It's no good..... everyone's terrified...

BE FIRM!
WE'VE GOT TO BELIEVE IN OUR ACE!
Huh...?
That's right No matter who we're against,
Tome will never.....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I'M READY FOR YOU, #A-114.

Ready, Kurosawa?
Let's do it
Yeah.
PLAY!

STR~
-IKE!

Amazing! We won't lose!
NICE BALL!
DON'T WORRY! I WON'T LET THE BALL GO TO RIGHT FIELD!
YEAH!

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